(c) if so, what are the reasons for not taking speedy steps for the construction of sectional pipelines to the fertilizer plants in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) ONGC have already started laying gas pipeline along Narsapur Palakolu-Tanuku and a branch line from Palakolu to Bhimavaram. Subsequently Tanuku and Kovvur are 'also proposed to be connected by gas pipeline.

(b) CI fraction of natural gas can be used as feedstock for fertilizer produc tion.

(c) Construction/extension of gas pipe lines to fertilizer plants in Andhra Pra desh shall be considered after decision for supply of gas to these plants is taken.

मेसर्स गंगा एंटरप्राइजिज द्वारा ग्राहकों को छूट

2233. श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली का एक एल पी जी वितरक, मैसर्स गंगा एन्टरप्राइजिस अपने ग्राहकों को, जब वे गैस सिलेन्डर की सप्लाई स्वयं लेने जाते हैं, तो किसी प्रकार की छूट नहीं देता ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसे मामलों में ग्राहकों को कितनी छूट दी जाती है ; और

(ग) क्या उक्त गैस वितरक को कोई निदेश जारी किए जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ताकि उसको दुकान के नोटिस बोर्ड पर आवश्यक सूचना का प्रदर्शित किया जाना सुनिश्चित किया जा सके ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त) : (क) से (ग) हिन्दुस्तान पेट्रोलियम कारपोरेशन को इस संबंध में कोई शिकायत नहीं मिली है। तथापि मैं गंगा एंटरप्राइजेज सहित सभी एल पी जी० के वितरकों को आदेश दिये गये हैं कि वे "नकद दो और ले जाओ" योजना के अधीन इच्छा व्यक्त करने वाले उपभोक्ताओं को दो रुपये की छूट दें।

Uniform pattern of DA in public sector enterprises

2234. DR. BAPU KALDATE; Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have considered the demand of the employees in Public Sector Enterprises for introducing a uniform pattern of clearness allowance there;

(b) whether the recommendations of Mr. Justice R. B. Mishra in this regard have been considered by Government; and

(c) if so, what is the reactions of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Government has been endeavouring all along to introduce a uniform pattern of industrial Dearness Allowance in all Public Sector Enterprises.

(b) Justice R. B. Mishra Committee is yet to submit its final report.

(c) Does not arise.

Rohtas Industries, Dalmia Nagar

2235. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the case of Rohtas Industries, Dalmia Nagar, Bihar has been referred to the Sick Industrial Rehabilitation Board with a view to examining the pros and cons for the revival of the said industries; and

(b) if so, when the case was referred and by whe,n the report is expected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF

INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHA-LAM): (a) and (b) The Central Government had referred the case of Rohtas Industries Ltd. to th$_e$ Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) in June, 1987. In a writ petitions filed by the Workers of Rohtas Industries Limited, the Supreme Court have directed; the BIFR to submit the report on Rohtas Industries Limited by 7.3.1988.

Demand for power in Orissa

2236. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPAT-RA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute power shortage in Orissa;

(b) what is the total demand for power in Orissa and the production at present;

(c) what will be the power requirement of the State by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(d) how far it will be possible to meet this demand or power in Orissa; and

(e) what steps have been and are be ing taken to meet the said demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) During the period April to October, 1987, Orissa faced a power shortage of about 15.5 per cent.

<*b)* During October, 1987, the total energy requirement in Orissa was 655 million units against which the availability was 512 million units.

(c) to (e) The anticipated energy re-quirement in Orissa in 1989-90 is expected to be 10552 million units against which the availability is likely to be 6757 million units. In order to increase the availability of power in the State, various measures are being taken which include expediting commissioning of new capactty, optimum utilisation of existing capacity, reduction of transmission and distribution losses and implementation of centrally Sponsored Renovation and Modernisation scheme at Talcher Thermal Power Station. To the extent possible, assistance is also provided to Orissa from the Farakka and Chukka Power Stations as well as from the neighbouring systems.

Generating units supplied by BHEL

2237. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA;

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the thermal plants in Bihar, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Orissa have 110 MW generating units supplied by BHEL; if so, what is their number, power station-wise;

(b) whether it is also a fact that P/L factor of most of these units is much below the national average; if so, what steps are being taken by the Central Government to enhance the P]L factor of these units; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up a spare part store for these units at Ranchi or some other place and also a full fledged over-hauling unit, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI'MATI SUSHILA ROHATGI); (a) and (b) Out of the total thermal capacity in the State Electricity Boards of Bihar, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Orissa, 110 MW unit$_s$ supplied by BHEL constitute about 62.6 per cent, 6 per cent, 18.2 per cent and 46.8 per cent of the capacity respectively. Station-wise information about the number of 110 MW units and their PLF during April—October, 1987 is given in the enclosed Statement. *(See* below). The All-India Plant Load Factor during this period was 53.8 per cent. In order to improve the PLF of these units, necessary assistance is being provid-ded to the State Electricity Boards in